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MOJAVE DESERT AQMD OFFERS GRANTS FOR CLEANER HEAVY-DUTY ENGINES & EQUIPMENT

Victorville – Starting September 22, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) will begin accepting grant proposals for up to \$709,806 in funds for projects that reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and other mobile equipment operated in the High Desert.

Under the Carl Moyer Program, state funds are disbursed to local entities via participating air districts, for the purpose of offsetting the incremental cost of replacing heavy-duty engines or equipment with new, cleaner technology equipment. For example, a company may be able to purchase a new truck that meets the state's minimum emission standards for \$100,000, or buy a lower-emission truck for \$125,000. The offsetting cost (\$25,000) necessary to purchase the lower-emission truck is eligible for funding through the Program.

Eligible vehicles include on-road heavy-duty buses and trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 lbs. or more; off road mobile agricultural and construction equipment such as tractors and bulldozers (50 Bhp or more); stationary agricultural irrigation pump engines; locomotives; forklifts, and air ground support equipment.

Proposals will be accepted through October 22 at 5:00PM. For a complete set of eligibility requirements, or to obtain a Call for Projects package, contact the MDAQMD at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5706 or visit the MDAQMD's website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.